

(b) If an individual qualifies for an exemption under Section 11.13(c) or (d), ~~or~~ 11.133, *or 11.134* with respect to the property after the amount of the tax due on the property is calculated and the effect of the qualification is to reduce the amount of the tax due on the property, the assessor for each taxing unit shall recalculate the amount of the tax due on the property and correct the tax roll. If the tax bill has been mailed and the tax on the property has not been paid, the assessor shall mail a corrected tax bill to the person in whose name the property is listed on the tax roll or to the person's authorized agent. If the tax on the property has been paid, the tax collector for the taxing unit shall refund to the person who paid the tax the amount by which the payment exceeded the tax due.

SECTION 7. Section 403.302(d-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d-1) For purposes of Subsection (d), a residence homestead that receives an exemption under Section 11.131, ~~or~~ 11.133, *or 11.134*, Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study is not considered to be taxable property.

SECTION 8. Section 11.134, Tax Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

Passed the Senate on March 13, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 2017: Yeas 135, Nays 3, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2018, upon approval of constitutional amendment proposed in S.J.R. No. 1.

**MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND TO THE
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A TRAUMA AFFECTED
VETERANS CLINICAL CARE AND RESEARCH CENTER AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT
SAN ANTONIO**

CHAPTER 512

S.B. No. 27

AN ACT

relating to the mental health program for veterans and to the authority to establish a trauma affected veterans clinical care and research center at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 74, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 74.155 to read as follows:

Sec. 74.155. NATIONAL CENTER FOR WARRIOR RESILIENCY. (a) *In this section:*

- (1) "Board" means the board of regents of The University of Texas System.
- (2) "Center" means the National Center for Warrior Resiliency.

(b) *The board may establish the National Center for Warrior Resiliency at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for purposes of:*

- (1) *researching issues relating to the detection, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder and comorbid conditions; and*

(2) *providing clinical care to enhance the psychological resiliency of military personnel and veterans.*

(c) *The board may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private source for the use and benefit of the center.*

SECTION 2. Section 434.351, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

(2-a) *"Peer service coordinator" means a person who recruits and retains veterans, peers, and volunteers to participate in the mental health program for veterans and related activities.*

SECTION 3. Section 434.352(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For the mental health program for veterans, the commission shall:

(1) provide training to *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators and peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

(2) provide technical assistance to *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators and peers;

(3) *identify* [recruit], train, and communicate with community-based *licensed mental health professionals* [therapists], community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations; and

(4) coordinate services for justice involved veterans.

SECTION 4. Section 434.353(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall develop and implement methods for providing *peer service* [volunteer] coordinator certification training to *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators, including providing training for initial certification and recertification and providing continuing education.

SECTION 5. Section 1001.221, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) *"Peer service coordinator" means a person who recruits and retains veterans, peers, and volunteers to participate in the mental health program for veterans and related activities.*

SECTION 6. Section 1001.222(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall develop a mental health intervention program for veterans. The program must include:

(1) peer-to-peer counseling;

(2) access to licensed mental health professionals for *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators and peers;

(3) training approved by the department for *peer service coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers*;

(4) technical assistance for *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators, *licensed mental health professionals, and peers*;

(5) *identification* [grants to regional and local organizations providing services under this subchapter];

[(6) recruitment], retention, and screening of community-based *licensed mental health professionals* [therapists];

(6) [(7)] suicide prevention training for *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators and peers; and

(7) [(8)] veteran jail diversion services, including veterans *treatment courts*.

SECTION 7. Section 1001.224, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.224. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature that includes:

- (1) the number of veterans who received services through the mental health program for veterans;
- (2) the number of peers and *peer service* [volunteer] coordinators trained;
- (3) ~~[a summary of the grants awarded and services provided through those grants;~~
- ~~[(4)]~~ an evaluation of the services provided under this subchapter; and
- (4) ~~[(5)]~~ recommendations for program improvements.

SECTION 8. The following laws are repealed:

- (1) Section 434.351(4), Government Code;
- (2) Section 1001.221(3), Health and Safety Code; and
- (3) Section 1001.223, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on March 28, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 25, 2017, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate; May 28, 2017, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 18, 2017: Yeas 137, Nays 8, two present not voting; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 2017, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**INCLUSION OF INSTRUCTION REGARDING INTERACTION
WITH PEACE OFFICERS IN THE REQUIRED CURRICULUM
FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND IN DRIVER
EDUCATION COURSES AND TO CIVILIAN INTERACTION
TRAINING FOR PEACE OFFICERS**

CHAPTER 513

S.B. No. 30

AN ACT

relating to inclusion of instruction regarding interaction with peace officers in the required curriculum for certain public school students and in driver education courses and to civilian interaction training for peace officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Community Safety Education Act.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.012. INSTRUCTION ON INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.

(a) *In this section:*

- (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
- (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
- (3) "Driver training school" has the meaning assigned by Section 1001.001.

(b) *The board and the commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's respective responsibilities in developing instruction, including curriculum and instructional modules, on proper interaction with peace officers during traffic stops and other in-person encounters. The instruction must include information regarding:*